4. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes students for higher studies abroad;
5. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Castes boys and girls;
6. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Book Banks for SC students;
7. Central Sector Scheme of Upgradation of Merits of SC students;
8. Centrally Sponsored Coaching and Allied scheme for SC students; and
9. Assistance to NGOs for academic benefit of SC students.

**Plan Outlay for SC/ST Development**

1475. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government had accepted the recommendation of Dr. Ambedkar Birth centenary celebration committee (headed by the Prime Minister) during 1992 to earmark every year funds out of the Plan Outlay at least proportionate to the SC/ST Population for their overall development and to bring them on the mainstream of our national life;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the total National Plan Outlay during the Eighth (1992—97) and Ninth (1997—2002) five Year Plans; and

(d) the funds earmarked and spent for overall development of SCs and STs indicating Schemes/ Porgrammes and results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The National Committee for the Centenary Celebrations of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had recommended for provision of fund for development of SCs and STs according to their population percentage in 1992. As per the strategy of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) evolved by the Planning Commission in 1975 and Special Component Plan (SCP) in 1979, the State Governments/Union Territories have been asked to prepare and implement TSP and SCP by earmarking part of the Plan fund in proportion to the percentage of STs and SCs in the States/UTs respectively. The Central Ministries have also been requested to take action accordingly. Implementation of the TSP and SCP by the State Government/UTs is monitored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment respectively. Implemenation of TSP and SCP by the Central Ministries are monitored by the Standing Triparte Committee of the Planning Commission,

the National Commission for SCs and STs the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(c) and (d) As per the figure given by Planning Commission, the total National Plan outlay during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans was Rs. 4,34,100 crores and Rs. 8,59,200 crores respectively.

During Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 1591.00 crores was provided and Rs. 1977.63 crores was spent for scheme on ST Welfare and Rs. 2322.30 crores was provided and Rs. 2909.37 crores was spent on schemes for SC Welfare, which are additive in nature, by the Ministry of Welfare. During Ninth Five Year Plan, Rs. 4,156.50 crores was provided and Rs. 2763.09 crores was spent during 1997-98 to 2000-01 on Welfare of SCs and Rs. 414.13 crores was provided for schemes other than Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Rs. 2,271 crores have been spent on the schemes during 1997-98 to 2000-01 on Welfare of Scheduled Tribes by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Details of amount spent on SC and ST welfare by the State/UT Governments and other Central Ministries are maintained by the State/UT Governments and concerned Ministries.

**Commission under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

1476. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the National Commissions for Backwards, SCs and STs Minorities, safai workers, etc. working under his Ministry;

(b) the composition of each one of them with dates of their notification, tenure alonwith the brief work done during the last two years; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to improve their functioning, effectiveness with a view to making lasting contribution on the fabric of community life, national integration with communal harmony?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The following commissions are working under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment:

(i) National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

(ii) National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

(iii) National Commission for Backward Classes

(iv) National Commission for Minorities